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SUBJECT : CANADIAN AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST

1. DURING MY COURTESY CALL ON CANADIAN AMBASSADOR
NOVEMBER 27, HE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS.

2. HE COULD NOT CONFIRM ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS THAT POLAND
WAS SENDING PARATROOPERS TO FORM UNEF LOGISTICAL UNIT
WITH CANADIANS, BUT HE SAID HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED BY IT.
HE WENT ON TO POINT OUT GREAT DIFFICULTY WHICH CANADA HAD
WITH POLES IN VIETNAM AND ADDED THAT POLES WERE CONSIDERED
SIMPLY STOOGES FOR RUSSIANS. HE DID CONFIRM THAT WALDHEIM
HAD APPOINTED A CANADIAN OFFICER AS OVERALL COMMANDER OF
LOGISTICAL UNIT UNDER GENERAL SIILASVUO AND THAT HAD BEEN
AGREED TO BY POLAND, BUT IT WAS UNDERSTOOD IT WOULD NOT BE
PUBLICIZED IN ANY WAY (USUN 5033 NOTAL).

3. HE SAID HE BELIEVES IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT WAR WILL BREAK
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OUT AGAIN BEFORE PEACE CONFERENCE CAN BE HELD, SINCE ALL SIDES

HAVE BEEN INCREASING THEIR PREPARATIONS AND WHOEVER STARTS IT WILL BLAME OTHER SIDE. HE FELT IT MIGHT WELL BE STARTED BY SYRIANS, BY EGYPTIANS, OR BY ISREALIS. HE DOES NOT SEE HOW THEY CAN VERY WELL BE RESTRAINED UNTIL MIDDLE OF DECEMBER OR CERTAINLY NOT UNTIL MIDDLE OF JANUARY, BUT, OF COURSE, HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

4. HE SAID THAT MIDDLE EAST OIL ON WHICH EASTERN CANADA IS PARTLY DEPENDENT COMES TO CANADA THROUGH THE PORT AT PORTLAND, MAINE, AND ARABS HAVE COMPLAINED THAT THERE WAS NO WAY FOR ARABS TO BE SURE THAT THIS OIL IN PART WOULD NOT BE SHIPPED BACK TO US. CANADIANS HAD EXPLAINED THAT THE OIL MOVING FROM CANADA TO US WAS OBTAINED FROM WESTERN CANADA, WHERE IT ORIGINATES, AND SO FAR ARABS HAVE NOT SHUT CANADA OFF. CANADA THEREFORE CONTINUES TO ENJOY GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND ISRAEL.

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